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PROPAGATION: Aug 13, Disturbed; Aug 14-16, Low Normal; Aug 17-19, High Normal; Aug 20, Low Normal; Aug 21, High Normal; Aug 22, 23, Low Normal; Aug 24, Low Normal/Disturbed; Aug 25, Low Normal; Aug 26, High Normal; Aug 27, Low Normal; Aug 28, Disturbed. TNX N4XX.

Flux (80)	Flux (81)	Flux (82)	Flux (83)	Date	Flux (84)	Alpha K (84)	(84)
254	214	227	114	7/19	83	18	3
250	218	190	116	7/20	77	17	3
246	219	178	121	7/21	74	13	3
241	221	145	127	7/22	84	11	3
228	229	125	135	7/23	84	10	2
215	250	114	130	7/24	85	11	2
200	252	105	135	7/25	84	13	2
191	255	99	134	7/26	83	8	2
183	254	95	127	7/27	81	13	2
164	217	94	119	7/28	81	13	3
151	207	95	123	7/29	80	21	2
139	204	109	140	7/30	80	13	2
133	192	111	140	7/31	80	10	2
128	176	120	153	8/1	81	10	5
128	174	144	147	8/2	82	37	4
129	153	151	144	8/3	84	29	2
127	181	183	141	8/4	86	19	3
129	174	176	133	8/5	83	14	3
146	170	196	138	8/7	87	8	1
142	174	214	138	8/8	90	6	2

Martti Laine, OH2BH, had a scheduled trip to Albania postponed several weeks ago, after receiving a telegram from the authorities there saying they "were not ready" for him yet. The message was longer and friendlier than in the past, so there is still hope, Martti says.

Rumors of an Andamans Islands operation sometime this Fall continue, with the prevailing wisdom being that VU2GDG will lead it.

XU1SS Cambodia continues 20 Meter activity, but the signal simply does not make it East of about Ohio. Propagation on 20 will pick up in about six weeks, and there is a chance that 15 Meters will open on the XU/North America path in Oct.

BY1PK was heard in the States again Aug 8, in tandem with DU9RG (14.155 at 1100Z). DU9RG was about 20 dB over S9, and BY1PK was S9, working to the East Coast. They made another schedule for the same time Aug 11, and we will report on the success of that next issue.

From JA1UT comes announcement of another Chinese station, BY5RA opening from Foochow city, in the Fukien province, Aug 17. This is right on the coast of the South China Sea, only about 250 miles from Taiwan. When BY4AA was announced from Shanghai we had high hopes for better propagation than from BY1PK and BY8AA, but of course we've learned that propagation is not the limiting factor in working the BYs.

BY5RA is authorized 1.9-30 MHz, plus 144 and 432 MHz, CW, SSB, FM, and Satellite. Maybe RTTY, FAX, and 50 MHz later. JA1UT reports that the same JA group who got XU1SS on the air worked with the Foochow China Radio Sports Association to bring this new station to fruition. QSLs to Box 730, Foochow, CHINA.

NO TRUTH to rumors of a Mellish Reef operation in either August or September. There will be an operation later this year; the release date for the information is Aug 15, and we will carry the full story in Issue 251.

A STATION SIGNING JA8YDX/S21 was working Europeans on Aug 4 (14.188, 1900Z), but was just audible along the U.S. East Coast. No reports on him since then. Recall that the last attempt at a Bangladesh operation was about two years ago, by two Japanese who entered the country as part of a medical relief team but were unable to get their gear through Customs.

CRAIG MAXEY, WB7RFA, arrives in Sao Tome Oct 23 for a two-week stay, has applied for a license, and hopes to pick it up upon arrival. Says he plans to "work all bands, SSB." If the S9 license falls through he plans to try for an Angola D2 license.

Latest issue of VE3FRA's DX Report says "VY1CW reports Pradhan (A51PN) often in sked on 14.310 11-1200Z, worked Jul 9 at 1135." The last word we had from A51PN was that his radios were broken and he had not been on the air for almost three years.

WB6GFJ's F00FB Tahiti operations ended Aug 7; look for him the next couple of weeks from ZK1, 3D2, and VK/ZL.

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STILL some confusion on the status of VK9NS's Pacific Island expedition; last word from Jim was that he would be on Papua-New Guinea working for a while, and he apparently left for P29 on July 28. He is still financially out of pocket from the 1983 Heard Island operation.

Status of recent Thailand activity in doubt: HS0JUA was reportedly a "special events" station by a number of Japanese (QSL JA1SDV), and HS4AMF was worked Jul 21. He said he's still not legitimately licensed but working on it.

The Clipperton team in California may have finally located a suitable boat, and they are working on re-scheduling last March's F08 operation for March, 1985.

DXCC NEWS: ARRL has now approved an endorsable 160 Meter DXCC, effective Nov 1 of this year, with contacts since Nov 15, 1945 counting. We expect to see a large contingent from the Boston area down here in Connecticut on Nov 1. There will be no Honor Roll on 160. ARRL is still studying an endorsable satellite award permitting Oscar 10 contacts.

ARRL's DX Advisory Committee is now voting on recommending an Honor Roll sticker for your basic DXCC certificate; no word yet on when the new Honor Roll plaques will be for sale.

EDITORIAL: Don't Forget the U.S. Phone Band expansion Sept 1 (TDXB #248). We predict that 75 Meters will become a pit of bickering in the 3750-3800 range; Extra Class licensees have generally been cooperative in avoiding ragchewing among themselves in the 3775-3800 DX window but the influx of Advanced licensees will exacerbate the problem, if only because of their greater numbers. The Extras will be pushed down toward 3750, an area frequented by VE ragchewers and nets. And did you notice that the only thing the Extras got out of the expansion was 5 more KHz on 15 Meters, the five KHz they started with in 1968 and later lost through a bureaucratic screw-up.

Finally, along related lines, time's running out to "upgrade" via an FCC-administered exam. You must schedule your exam with FCC for a date before Dec 31, 1984. When the volunteer exams take over next year, they stand to be more difficult than FCC exams have been the past few years.

DESECHEO operation Jul 23-25 was forced off the island when the Coast Guard advised a storm was on the way; they made about 7000 contacts, with a "handful" on 10 and none on 160. QSL both WP4ATF/KP5 and HI3RST/KP5 to WP4ATF; the group thanks the North Cal DX Foundation and Mosley Antennas for assistance with equipment.

NCDXF (and the Clipperton DX Club) are also helping with the upcoming Monaco operation of F6EYS and F6HIX, which is Aug 31 to Sep 8; they say operation will be 90 per cent CW, 20 KHz up from the bottom band edges.

ONE CORRECTION (so far) to the Survey in Issue 249: D2 Angola (#45) should have been shown with a movement of +17, up from #62 in 1983 (tnx KA1XN).

THE GROUP which joined WB6GFJ on Tahiti last month included K6KH, who worked 21 Oscar 10 contacts, W6GC (F00ILE), who used an RTTY rig loaned by N6IC, W6AM (F00DCW), who "filled thirty seven ARRL logbook pages," and N6AXQ and W6MI. W6AM reports distractions included hula dancers, native shows, and topless poolside swimmers.

T00 LATE for publication was notification from ZS6BCR of his activity from Botswana Aug 3-5; he was joined by ZS6BUX, and they worked mostly CW. QSL to home calls.

3B8DA, Alex Mootoo, sends a note that he's 46 and works for the weather bureau of Mauritius. He has operated from St Brandon (3B7DA, 1970), Rodrigues (3B9DA, in 1975 and 1978), and Agalega (3B6DA, 1978). Alex says he's headed for Rodrigues again late this year or early next. He's looking for a "used" electronics communications course, if anyone can help.

LATEST FROM THE DXCC DESK is that nothing has come through in the way of documentation for current stations 5U7LD, 5X5GK, ET3PS. They are still looking at the papers on DJ5CQ/SV/A, and the prognosis is not good. As for G3LCS/A6, who is supposed to fire up this week for a three-month run, the chances of that one having official permission are only fair.

QSL HELP NEEDED

By ZS6AEV: YS1SC (12/81); CE9AH (12/81); FP0JA (9/82); FG7CB/FS (5/83); and CY0SPI (9/83). (Word is that the CY0SPI QSLs are all in the mail now -ed).

By W1BIH: John wants to know who has the W9WNV Minerva Reef logs (and all the Miller logs, for that matter).

By W7HRD: XE1LCH (manager WD8NKT/KD5ZT no longer handling cards).

By K1HDO: 5A1TK (3/69).

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AP2NB 14182 02C 23	HH2QU 14014 23E 20	T30BY 7092 10E 31	Z21BP 21311 18E 23
A24TJ 21277 17E 23	HH2JR 14221 13C 29	T32AB 14185 04C 26	Z22JS 7010 05E 5
A35SA 14254 06W 22	HH2WK 14040 00E 31	T32AF 7070 08E 28	3B8CD 14029 03M 21
A35MP 14185 06W 22	HI3PC 7021 09E 29	T77C 14023 21E 1	3D2MP 14205 05E 6
A35SA 14220 05C 25	VE3LKU/	R10 14012 00E 1	3D6AL 21290 17E 23
A92EB 14208 23E 25	HI8 14002 01E 31	(Fr. Josef Land)	3D6AN 14194 13C 4
A92ED 14034 02E 26	HK0BKK 14017 23E 21	R10 14026 01C 3	3V8AI 14213 01E 28
CE0ZIJ 3800 01E 20	HK0HEU 14194 04C 21	UA1ZBW/	3V8ZY 14312 22E 28
CE0ZIJ 3790 03C 20	HK0HEU 14195 00W 22	UD 14017 02E 21	3V8AI 14235 23E 28
CE0ERY 14205 01C 28	HK0BKK 14022 23E 31	UA0FWN 7003 12M 22	3V8ZY 14213 21E 29
CN8DV 14184 01C 18	HL4XM 14014 13E 22	U050HI 7025 03E 27	3V8ZY 14213 23E 29
CO5DM 14015 02E 3	HL1DC 14006 23C 3	RJ6R 14020 02E 21	3V8ZY 14213 23E 1
CT2EC 14014 11E 24	HL1DC 14004 02C 4	RJ6R 14185 02E 24	3V8ZY 14214 23E 3
CT2CB 14016 21E 24	HP1XZD 14016 02E 25	RJ6R 14226 15E 24	3X4EX 14255 21C 20
CT2EJ 14195 22E 26	HP1XLZ 14023 22E 30	RJ6KN 14185 02C 24	3X4EX 21335 17E 25
CT3ET 14042 00E 22	HP1XEK 14014 13E 4	UD6DJT 14019 21E 24	4K1GAG 3507 04E 24
C21RK 14267 05W 22	HS4AMF 14227 15W 21	UD6DC 14021 03E 28	(S. Shetlands)
C21BD 14229 13C 28	HZ1AB 14196 00C 26	UF6FCR 14022 22E 30	4K1GAG 7006 03E 25
C21NI 14209 06W 29	HZ1AB 14195 02E 26	UL7GAU 14008 00E 22	4K1GAG 7007 02E 26
C53AL 14151 22E 21	HZ1AB 14030 21E 26	UL7GDS 14014 02E 25	4K1GAG 7001 03E 2
DU1AU 14219 14C 22	HZ1HZ 14016 04E 4	UF7FWW 14035 20E 28	4U1ITU 14175 22E 24
N7ET/	H44IA 3800 10E 22	RJ6K 14177 01E 28	4U1ITU 14026 22C 27
DU6 14032 12E 23	H44IA 7019 11C 4	(UJ8)	4U1ITU 14030 22E 30
DU6RT 14182 12E 23	H44SH 14228 13C 5	UJ8JL 14011 03C 22	4X4NJ 14026 00C 4
K1BAZ/	IS0CPU 14208 23E 26	UZ4HWG/	5N6PDC 21020 16E 15
DV1 14007 14E 23	JT1AO 14227 15C 22	UJ8S 14200 03W 29	KC7UU/
DU7RLC 14218 14E 25	(Net operation)	UH8EAA 14022 22C 28	5N8 14056 00E 24
G4DUW/	JT1AO 14226 15E 29	UH8EAA 14032 03M 29	5N3RTF 14208 01W 29
DU 14028 12C 30	JY5CI 14235 23C 3	UL8FWL 14024 13M 27	5U7LD 14218 22E 28
EA6GR 21024 15E 25	KG4DX 14210 12E 29	UL8GWB 14041 03M 29	5U7LD 14218 23W 28
EA8BAI 21312 21C 21	KC6JA 14309 04W 21	UM8ML 14009 01C 31	5W1EJ 14276 07W 22
EA8ZW 14064 00E 22	KC6RA 14309 03C 31	UM8MP 14018 01E 3	5W1DZ 14189 02E 3
ED8RCT 14015 01E 24	KG6RN 14197 15W 21	UM9QWC 14056 00E 22	5Z4JD 14234 03C 23
EA8ACL 14029 22E 26	KG6RN 14205 04W 29	UM9QWC 14031 01C 23	6W2EX 14030 21E 24
ED8RCT 14012 02E 27	KX6PO 14309 04C 26	UH9EWA 14019 11E 23	6W2EX 14030 21E 26
EA9KF 3789 03E 24	KX6DS 7004 10C 4	UZ0ZCK 3505 12M 28	6Y5IC 21335 19C 29
ET3PS 14177 01E 28	LH6JEB/	UA0IDA 7007 11M 28	6Y5JH 14014 23E 31
EA9FH 14016 23E 31	KH7 14284 03E 20	UA9SIP 7007 01E 30	9H1GI 14213 01E 28
EL2EN 14240 22E 26	AH9AB 14190 13C 21	UM9QXC 14039 00E 31	9H1GY 14236 23E 28
EL2BA 14253 10E 29	AH9AB 14309 03C 31	VK6IR 3795 12M 28	9M2FK 14022 15C 22
FB8YK 14030 04M 24	(Net operation)	VK9ND 14305 06W 29	9M6VW 14208 13C 21
F0CH/	KH0AC 14257 06W 22	VP2MDY 14051 01E 24	9Q5RN 14236 23E 28
TK 14193 22E 29	KH0AC 14198 11E 23	VP2VI 14031 00E 22	9Q5RN 14231 01W 29
(Corsica)	LX1JP 14045 22E 26	VP5EE 3798 02E 31	9V1VY 14206 12E 22
FG4DE 7006 03E 28	OA4ZV 7005 05M 24	VQ9DX 14233 14W 22	9V1ZY 14196 14C 22
FG4DE 14016 04E 4	KD2HE/	VR6KY 14297 03C 31	9V1WE 14032 14M 22
FH8CB 14236 03C 21	OA4 14026 22E 25	VU2BK 7002 00E 7	
FH4AA 14220 04E 25	AD5AS 14245 21E 24	V85HG 14200 13M 22	
FK8EY 14039 06C 25	OD5NT 14219 00C 26	V85HG 14200 14C 22	
FK8CE 14220 04W 29	OX3UD 14040 12E 23	VS6DX 14227 14C 22	
FK8DY 14210 06W 29	OX3TG 14213 02E 26	VU2AU 14174 02E 28	
FM4DJ 14004 12E 23	OX3UD 14037 12C 3	VU2SV 7006 01E 30	
FM4DJ 14048 12C 28	OY7ML 14026 22E 30	V2AZM 14277 10E 23	
FM7BH 7007 04E 4	DF3GX/	XT2BR 14236 23W 21	
FO0FB 14188 03W 29	PJ4 14006 01E 3	XT2BR 14195 19E 25	
FO8JR 14024 04C 31	PZ1AP 7003 09E 29	XT2BR 14207 23C 2	
FO8JR 14025 04E 4	P29KY 14011 13M 22	XU1SS 14245 13C 15	
KA1CI/	SV5OX 14047 22E 25	XU1SS 14021 13C 21	
FP 14026 00C 4	SV5TH 14250 22E 25	(East to W8 only)	
FR7ZD 14207 03C 21	W0PU/	XU1SS 14245 13M 22	
FR7ZD 14056 03M 23	SV9 7006 02E 30	(Ditto)	
FW0BT 14194 04C 26	TA1MN 14035 01E 20	XU1SS 14245 13C 5	
FW0BJ 14201 04C 27	TA1UA 21025 21E 21	YB3DC 14200 12E 23	
FW0BJ 14201 04W 27	TA1MN 14035 22E 25	YB2BNJ 14220 13C 5	
FW8AF 14236 03W 28	TF3XUU/8 14010 23E 26	YI1BGD 14224 22E 19	
FW8BJ 14170 04W 28	TR8DR 14240 22C 20	YI1BGD 14236 23E 26	
FY7CM 14034 00E 21	TR8DR 14175 00W 22	YJ8RG 14220 04C 4	
GU3HFN 14021 22E 26	TZ6FIC 14236 00W 15	OE8AJK/	
HB0BDU 14010 21E 24	TZ8FE 14172 02W 29	YK 14277 10E 23	
ON5NT/	T2ADE 3795 10E 22	YS1GMV 14011 04E 4	
HB0 7006 04E 25	T2ADE 14203 04W 28	ZK1CG 14309 04C 4	
DA2AA/	T2ADE 14220 05C 28	ZK2BW 14021 05C 25	
HB0 14002 23E 26	T2ADE 14185 06W 29	ZL70Y 3803 10E 26	
ON5NT/	T2ADE 14206 03C 4	ZL7PA 14309 03C 31	
HB0 14025 00E 27	T30DB 14310 04W 15	ZP5XDW 14026 02E 25	

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CALENDAR

ALBANIA	STILL RUMORED for this summer; OH2BH/others
WALLIS	FWØBT/BJ still active; QSL ZL1AXU
PACIFIC	WB6GFJ finished at FOØFB; now 3D2, ZK1; I 250
UGANDA	5X5GK occasionally on Nets; no DXCC yet
NETH ANTILLES	DF3GX/PJ4 active from Bonaire until Aug 30
TRISTAN	No ZD9BV reports this week
CHINA	BY5RA starts from Foochow Aug 17; I250
BHUTAN	A51PN reported in VE3FRA/s sheet; I 250
GREENLAND	IKØCAK/OX until Aug 20
IRAN	EP2RO/TA reported in Europe; I 248
TUNISIA	3V8ZY/AI on nets, esp. 14.213
BURUNDI	9U5JB due back end of Aug
MALAWI	7Q7LW QRT through Sept
CAMBODIA	XU1SS still on 20 Meters, 11Z, 14.245 Sundays, 11Z
NIGER	5U7LD showing on 20 Meter nets, no DXCC yet
GLORIOSO	Rumored for this Fall by FR7ZD
KERMADEC	No 20 Meter ZL8AFH reports this week; 14.220/05Z
WILLIS	No reports on VK9ZA again this week
UAE	G3LCS/A6 due on any moment, maybe with a license
SABLE	Rumored CYØSPI by VE1ASJ any day
KENYA	Rumored 5Z4YN by KØBJ starts Aug 12
CONTEST	SEANET SSB Aug 18/19
MALDIVES	8Q7 by JR3KEG, JE3MXQ, Aug 20-27
TAHITI	By KB2HZ (FOØGAD) and KB2TB, Aug 27
CONTEST	ALL ASIA CW Aug 25/26
MONACO	By F6ECS, F6HIX, Aug 31-Sep 8; I 250
W9DXCC	CONVENTION Sep 15; K9KM for details
DXPO 84	CONVENTION Oct 13/14, Falls Church VA
SAO TOME	WB7RFA to be there Oct 23-Nov 6; I 250
MELLISH	COMING! Details next issue
160 Meters	Endorsements for your DXCC start Nov 1; I 250

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR/PUBLISHER

THIS IS THE SUMMER FOR ANNIVERSARIES:

Twenty years ago the Republican Party nominated a ham, K7UGA, for President of the U.S. Fifteen years ago the Woodstock Music and Arts Festival took place at Bethel, New York. And ten years ago this week President Nixon resigned.

Five years ago this week I wrote and, with the help of Don Busick, K5AAD, published TDXB #1. This is significant mostly because five years is the longest I have held a job! All 250 issues of TDXB were written and published by the same person, namely, me.

I am particularly grateful to those of you who came aboard in the very beginning and have not jumped ship over the years. And also to those who have reported, in writing or otherwise, the DX information which fills these pages.

I have had the privilege of meeting and corresponding with a group of very nice people, and your support has been appreciated.

--Jim Cain, K1TN

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